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CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Items, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have but one item and that's a motion by Senator Beutler to LB 657 to be printed. It's the only item I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1427-1428.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. We next return back to LB 75. We are considering the Connealy amendment and a Chambers amendment to that amendment. Senator Chambers, when we left before lunch, your light was on. Do you wish to speak to this amendment at this time, and if you do, it would be your third time? (FA162, Legislative Journal page 1379; FA153, Legislative Journal page 1320.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to put my light on after others who may speak.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I have no other lights on at this moment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Then I will speak now. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what my amendment does is to amend the Connealy amendment. His says that for a five-year period, you will allow those who have one tank to stay in business. After that, it's curtains, the quietus. He is so intent on forcing people to use ethanol that he's willing to drive people out of business to try to achieve that unworthy nefarious goal. What I would like to do is mitigate the damage that his amendment is going to cause. But in addition to that, I do not like the bill, so I intend to continue battling against any form that this bill takes. But one thing that should be kept in mind. Laws that don't have teeth bring the entire law into contempt. This bill has no penalty if a retailer does not stock ethanol. But in order to find out whether there's a hidden agenda, I would like to ask Senator Connealy a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Connealy, would you respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.